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The Honorable Orrin Hatch
Chairman
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of every size, sector, and region, respectfully urges the Senate's prompt consideration of the nomination of Kevin McAleenan to be commissioner of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

The dual role of CBP is to secure the homeland and facilitate legitimate trade and travel. This is a tremendous undertaking considering that it puts the agency on the frontline in the fight against international terrorism, as well as promotes travel and tourism, international trade, and enforcement of intellectual property rights. The agency needs to be guided by someone who has a strong vision to lead and a productive history in engaging the private sector to achieve these shared goals.

Mr. McAleenan has had a distinguished career and has repeatedly shown that he is capable of the transformative leadership needed to modernize CBP's capabilities for security and commerce in the 21st century. The Chamber encourages a swift vote on his nomination and stands ready to work with him as the next commissioner of CBP.

Sincerely,



Neil Bradley

cc: Members of the Committee on Finance